

SHEEHAN OUT OF RACE;
RESULT OF CONFERENCE

His Ambition, Tammany's and Governor's Support Fail to Give Him Additional Vote.

MURPHY SAYS HE'LL STICK

Men High in Organization Say Candidate Will Be Suddenly Dropped — Insurgents Sore at Governor.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Albany, Feb. 8.—After a conference as harmonious as a pink tea, and about as profitable, the net results of to-day's developments in the senatorship situation seem to be that Sheehan, despite his ambitions, despite the support of Tammany Hall, which he still has, even despite the influence of Governor Dix on his side, can be considered out of the contest. If the opinion of Senator Roosevelt, given a few days ago, that "we have got them licked to a frazzle," ever was justified it was justified when the thirty anti-Sheehan Democrats lined up to-day on the nineteenth ballot as they have been lining up for a week past. The importance of that vote, after all that had been done to swing these men into line in the twenty-four hours preceding it, is not overestimated by those politicians who termed the solemn session of the two houses to-day the funeral services over Sheehan's senatorship boom.

Mr. Sheehan may hold that opinion, or he may not. He is accounted an unusually astute person, not given to harboring any delusions about this political game. Nothing he has said to-day shows that he considers the failure to reach a choice after the conference anything but a mere incident. Nothing his friends say breathes the slightest suspicion that Boss Murphy of Tammany believes him dead senatorship timber. Yet men high up in Tammany circles admit frankly that sooner or later Sheehan's name will be dropped overnight. That will come as soon as Boss Murphy and his advisers can find a man satisfactory to them who also won't be offensive to the insurgents.

Sheehan Men Willing to Wait.

When the Legislature took its nineteenth ballot in joint session for United States Senator to-day, not a Democratic legislator changed his position as a result of the much vaunted conference held earlier in the day. To all appearances the deadlock is as hard and fast as ever.

Threats, promises and trickery of various minor sorts failed to move one of the anti-Sheehan insurgents. The name of Governor Dix, used freely, and seemingly with his full knowledge and consent, was equally ineffective. Sheehan rosters, last night existing in the hope of "putting one over," and predicting that they had smashed the backbone of the opposition to the caucus candidate, profess to-night to be unable to see just where their plans miscarried. They maintain that by the fore part of next week, anyhow, it will all be straightened out and Sheehan be elected triumphantly.

Meantime, Mr. Sheehan is keeping up appearances quite as well as Boss Murphy. He gave out this formal statement:

"I am pleased that the Democratic representatives are conferring without passion or ill temper. The inevitable result of discussion and deliberation will be that the caucus nominee for Senator will be finally elected."

"I was no more confident of my election at the very beginning of this fight than I am to-night," Mr. Sheehan told some of his friends. He appeared to mean it, too. It may have been a mere infelicity of phrase which gave a cynic the opportunity to point out that at the beginning of the fight, according to Boss Murphy, Mr. Sheehan was ready to retire.

Interesting reports were about to-night that some of Mr. Sheehan's friends, conceiving it to be impossible to elect him, had suggested to Boss Murphy a graceful way to let Sheehan down. This was to make him chairman of the Democratic State Committee, when Chairman Huppuch resigned. The idea, it is said, did not meet favor with the boss, who turned it down on the ground that Sheehan was much too clever a politician to be put into such a place, where he might build up his personal political machine. There is some talk to-night that Chairman Huppuch may not resign at all.

Boss Murphy Gives Views.

Boss Murphy to-night went on record with a reiteration of his devotion to Sheehan.

"After the failure to-day of the first move for a settlement of this fight, do you not regard the election of Mr. Sheehan as impossible?" he was asked. "Repeat that," he said. "The question was repeated. 'I do not,' he replied grimly.

"If Sheehan refuses to withdraw and the insurgents stand fast, when and how do you think there will be a choice?"

"I will not answer that to-night," said Murphy.

"Will you continue to support Sheehan indefinitely in these circumstances?"

"He's the caucus choice; why not?" queried Murphy in turn, simulating surprise at the query.

"Is your devotion to the caucus principle of majority rule such as to cause you to imperil the legislation to which the party is committed by its platform and wreck the Dix administration?"

"It will imperil no legislation," declared the boss, grinning as much as he ever permits himself to show mirth.

Governor Dix went to New York on a late afternoon train. He would not discuss the senatorship situation, saying he had not even heard the result of the vote.

Insurgents Standing Firm.

The insurgents held their regular meeting late this afternoon and shook hands all around over the fact that they had come through the ordeal in good shape.

There will be just as many changes

PLAY BY MARIE CORELLI

Opposition to Suffragettes Expressed in Her First Drama.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)
London, Feb. 8.—Marie Corelli has written a playlet in which she very severely, if very wittily, opposes the suffragette movement. Through the medium of this little piece, which is her first stage effort, Miss Corelli will express her definite opinion regarding a question which interests and agitates so many writers of her sex.

The piece is called "The Sedan Chair," and, although it deals with a question which has become something more than semi-political, does not touch on politics. Indeed, it is more or less a love story, and, appropriately enough, is told and acted in a cottage. Miss Corelli will rehearse and practically produce the piece, which will be staged at the Hippodrome in about four weeks.

LLOYD-GEORGE'S ILLNESS

Rumors That Chancellor of Exchequer May Resign Post.

Naples, Feb. 8.—David Lloyd-George, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, and his friends refuse to discuss the condition of his health, merely saying that he is taking a much needed rest. Reports are in circulation, however, to the effect that the Chancellor is suffering from nervous prostration, that his condition is not improving, and that he may be forced to resign his portfolio.

Chancellor Lloyd-George left London on January 21 for a fortnight's stay in Italy to recuperate from throat trouble, a dispatch said. A message from London on February 5 said that the Chancellor would probably remain at Naples for another fortnight, and perhaps longer, as his throat trouble was proving unexpectedly obstinate.

CORNELL STUDENTS TO JAIL

Two Convicted of Taking Part in Riot at Ithaca Show.

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Sydney Schiel, of Nanuet, N. Y., and Ralph W. Perkins, of Hudson, Mass., both students at Cornell, were sentenced in the city court this afternoon to five and ten days respectively in the county jail for taking part in a riot last Saturday night, when a thousand students rushed a moving picture theatre.

Schiel is a freshman in the law course and Perkins is a freshman in mechanical engineering. Schiel's mother was in court, and wept bitterly as her son was led away to jail. Perkins is working his way through college. The police are trying to land the ringleaders in the riot, and more arrests may follow.

WEDS ON HIS DEATHBED

Brooklyn Man Nursed by Bride Until the End Came.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Somerville, N. J., Feb. 8.—A story of love and a deathbed marriage is brought to light by the death to-day of Emilio O. T. Heyl, twenty-four years old, of Brooklyn, at the home of Mrs. Edward Hockenbury, in East Somerville. Mr. Heyl was superintendent of a wall-paper factory in New York City until last September, when he broke down from tuberculosis. He came here to try to regain his health.

Finally, when a physician told him he had only a short time to live, he sent for his fiancée, Miss Wilhelmina Gans, of No. 1137 Liberty avenue, Brooklyn. He asked Miss Gans if she would marry him under the sad conditions. Miss Gans not only consented, but went herself to the office of Justice Sutphen and secured the services of that official to perform the ceremony, which took place in the parlor of the Hockenbury home, in the presence of a number of witnesses, on Sunday afternoon.

Heyl was bolstered up in an easy chair during the ceremony. After the marriage the bride took full charge of her dying husband and remained his constant attendant until the end came. Heyl's body will be taken to his home, No. 2749 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, where his mother lives.

BRYAN'S ORPHANED ISSUE

Deserted County Option Bill Lost by One Vote.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 8.—County option was defeated in the Nebraska Senate to-day by the narrow vote of 17 to 16. The county optionists control the lower house by a strong majority, and with one more vote in the Senate the bill would have gone through.

Despite his great loss in prestige in Nebraska, W. J. Bryan could have controlled at least this one necessary vote. However, he gave the county option bill no assistance, with the result that there will be no legislation of this kind for the next two years.

SHE WANTS \$25,000 DAMAGES

Vicksburg Girl Rode in Berth Adjoining Those Occupied by Negroes.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Vicksburg, Miss., Feb. 8.—Because she was compelled to ride to New York in a Pullman berth adjoining those of three negro men, Miss Pearl Morris, a well known Vicksburg young woman, brought suit to-day for \$25,000 against the Alabama & Vicksburg Railroad. "Nervous illness, caused by the unusual experience and embarrassment," she set up as reasons.

Miss Morris declares she complained to the local agent of the road, and was told that the color of applicants for Pullman reservations was never a factor in selling accommodations. The case will be based on alleged violation of the state Jim Crow law.

MAN BUYS 19,500 STOVES

Kansas Will Protect His Apple Trees from Frost With Them.

Kansas City, Feb. 8.—To heat a square mile of orchard with oil stoves sounds impossible, but that is what W. H. Underwood, of Hutchinson, Kan., says he will do next spring. Mr. Underwood, who is a fruit grower, was in Kansas City yesterday directing the manufacture of 19,500 stoves, each of which has a reservoir which holds ten gallons of oil, will be placed in his apple orchard near Hutchinson to prevent damage to the trees by frost.

The orchard contains six hundred acres, and about thirty stoves will be used to keep the heat of each acre above the freezing point.

MAILLARD'S VANILLA CHOCOLATE

A dainty confection, a delicious beverage. The choice of those who know and care.—Adv.

W. L. SCOTT MAUSOLEUM ENTERED AND ROBBED

Ghouls Desecrate Coffins of Erie, Penn., Millionaire Railroad Man's Family.

DISCOVERED BY PASSERS-BY

No Clew to Deed or When It Was Done—One of the Coffins Removed from the Crypt.

Erie, Penn., Feb. 8.—The magnificent Scott mausoleum in Erie Cemetery, where the bodies of ex-Congressman William L. Scott and his wife, parents of Mrs. Charles H. Strong and Mrs. Richard Townsend, have rested for years, has been ransacked and robbed. Several of the crypts were broken into, the copper cases holding the coffins have been opened, apparently with chisels, and two or three of them practically demolished, while one was taken away entirely.

Some women passing through the cemetery made the discovery. On hearing the heavy bronze gates they noticed that the lock on the outer gate was not fastened. A closer view showed them that the panel of one of the inner doors seemed to have been tampered with.

One of the women reached in through the bars and touched the panel, whereupon it fell inward with a crash. The women fled in terror and told what they had seen to an acquaintance, who, suspecting that the mausoleum had been entered, immediately telephoned to Mrs. Charles H. Strong, the daughter of the late William L. Scott. Investigation was made immediately and the facts disclosed.

It is thought that the vandals who committed the deed were searching for some particular body, since a number of the crypts were broken into, though only one coffin was actually removed from the mausoleum.

How long it has been since the deed was done it is impossible to tell at the present time. Neither can it be known whether or not the stolen body has been removed from the city. A corps of expert detectives have been retained and will be put to work on the case.

William L. Scott in his seventeenth year came from Washington to Erie, where he maintained his residence for the remainder of his life, amassing a great fortune through railroad and coal interests. At his death Mr. Scott had become president and director of 22,000 miles of railroads in the United States and Canada and his mining interests covered upward of 70,000 acres of coal land. In 1884 he was elected to Congress, serving two terms. He died on September 13, 1891, at Newport, R. I.

Mr. Scott left two daughters, Mrs. Charles H. Strong, of Erie, and Mrs. Richard Townsend, of Washington. Mrs. Strong has one daughter, who married Lorillard Ronalds, and lives at the Plaza Hotel. Mrs. Townsend has one daughter, who married Peter F. Gerry, of this city. As Miss Mathilde Townsend was prominent in Washington social and diplomatic circles.

BATTLE OF SAN JUAN HILL

Roosevelt Not There, Says Christy, Sketching the Fight.

Cincinnati, Feb. 8.—Howard Chandler Christy, the artist, finished to-day a sketch of the battle of San Juan Hill, which will be used as an illustration in an encyclopedia. He has left out the figure of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who, he says, was not in the real battle of San Juan Hill.

"Roosevelt was not in the battle of San Juan proper," said the artist at his home on the Muskingum River, this afternoon. "He and his Rough Riders were three-quarters of a mile away during the San Juan Hill charge, attacking Kettle Hill."

MANY FISHERS DROWNED

Gale Destroys Ice Floe Carrying Over 253 Men.

Viborg, Feb. 8.—An ice floe, on which 233 fishermen had established a village, and after being swept out to sea on Friday last was stranded near the island of Seiskar, was partly destroyed by a gale last night. One hundred of the fishermen reached shore. Many are known to have been drowned. Ice breakers have been sent to the rescue.

Two days ago the fishermen declined assistance offered them by two vessels, saying that they were in no danger, and refusing to be taken off.

FINED FOR SHOOTING A DEER

Employee on a Place in Westchester Pays Dearly for His Sport.

There is no open season at any time for shooting deer in Westchester County, and for that reason Henry Fischer, who is employed on the country estate of C. R. Agnew, at Armonk, was fined \$50 yesterday by Judge Haviland, of that village, for shooting a deer which he saw running over the farm.

Another deer caused excitement along the eastern shore of the Hudson river yesterday, when it was seen floating down the river on an ice floe. It was a large buck and stood erect. When the tide changed it floated up the Hudson again, and was last seen heading for Croton.

Several men tried to catch up to the deer in a rowboat, but the floating ice blocked their passage. It is believed the two deer escaped from some millionaire's estate.

KAISER IN POOR HEALTH.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—The Emperor is suffering from a cold and was unable to attend the court ball at the palace to-night. He has also abandoned the military ceremonial to-morrow in connection with the entry of Prince Joachim, his youngest son, into the army. It is expected that his majesty will be confined to his room for several days.

TEXAS MARKETS STRAWBERRIES.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 8.—Texas strawberries are being marketed, according to advices from Alvin and Pasadena. First shipments were reported from those points yesterday. The early movement of the crop is due to the unusually mild weather.

AFTER THE GRIPPE

DeWitt's Port Wine and Olive Oil. H. T. Parry & Sons Co., 125 Fulton St., N. Y.—Adv.

GENERAL NAVARRO, WHO IS ADVANCING TO THE RELIEF OF JUAREZ, AND HIS STAFF.



ATTACK ON JUAREZ AGAIN POSTPONED

Safety of City Apparently Depends on Arrival of General Navarro's Force.

FIFTEEN REBELS KILLED

American Troops Make Arrests—Quiet in Juarez—Blanco's Location in Doubt—Railway Still Tied.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 8.—It is predicted that Juarez will not be attacked to-night. Whether it is called on to defend itself at all seemingly depends on whether General Navarro, at the head of one thousand federals from Chihuahua, or José de La Luz Blanco, with 350 insurrectos from Casas Grandes, arrives first.

A rumor reached here to-night that Navarro had met a reverse, but it was only a rumor. Wires being down, it could not be investigated. One story was that a train on which he was travelling had been blown up, and another had it that General Blanco had met and defeated him. With reference to Blanco the rumor is improbable, as he is numerically inferior to the federal leader. If Navarro reaches Juarez first, it would be folly, apparently, for Orozco to attack, even with the assistance of reinforcements from Alamos and Blanco. Alamos was camped last night twelve miles east of here, on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, at a hamlet called Sargosa. Ammunition was taken across the river at this point, and this morning Alamos and his men had disappeared, and he and his men are now virtually a part of Orozco's forces.

Five Mexicans who crossed to the Texas side to-day from Sargosa estimated Alamos's detachment at three hundred mounted infantry.

Blanco's Location Unknown.

There was no word from Blanco. If he left Casas Grandes when ordered to do so for the second time he should reach this section by Friday night. This is Orozco's calculation.

Orozco consolidated his force to-day, when one hundred men, who had been on duty in the mountains, joined the 320 men near the smelter. They were employed to-day in digging rifle pits and placing howitzers where they would afford protection in case of attack.

United States soldiers and national guardsmen detained a total of twenty-seven Mexicans who were attempting to cross the river to the rebel camp. The troops here are numerically inadequate to the task of guarding the entire riverfront. It would require seven regiments to accomplish the task. One wishing to cross with arms or ammunition has only to hunt a spot where there are no khaki clad men, and the rest is easy.

Fifteen rebels were killed and six horses and 25,000 rounds of ammunition were captured in an action between sixty rebels and seventy-five Mexican troops under command of Captain Gonzalez, which was fought in Piechico Canyon, eighteen miles east of Campo, late yesterday afternoon. This dispatch came from San Diego.

The fighting lasted forty-five minutes. The federal troops had the advantage of position in the canyon and poured a deadly fire into the rebel ranks. Within a short time fifteen rebels were killed and a number wounded. The rebels then fled eastward.

As soon as the result of the fight was learned by Governor Vega of Lower California he started in pursuit of the insurgents.

Attack on Mulata Repulsed.

Mexican soldiers made a desperate attack on Mulata at 10 o'clock this morning. The federals were repulsed by the insurgents. Troop H, of the 3d Cavalry, saw the fight from American banks. The Mexican soldiers are surrounding the banks, and a battle is expected in the morning.

Mail advices from Parral, Chihuahua, tell of a fight between federals and insurrectos at Ojita, in that district, and the killing by federals of Pedro T. Gomez, aid to Guillermo Baca, rebel leader of that region. Gomez and Baca commanded the band which captured Parral on the opening day of the rebellion in November.

Rebels captured a handcar near Bauche which workmen were using to repair the Northwestern Railroad track this morning, and as a result the train

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Jamaica Trainman Thrashes Two Men Who Tried to Rob Him of a \$2 Bill.



PASQUALE OROZCO, Leader of the rebels, now investing Juarez.

BIG SUBMARINE LAUNCHED

The Seal Will Cruise Without Convoy—Largest Ever Built.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 8.—The submarine cruiser Seal, the largest and most powerful submarine in the United States navy, was launched at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company late to-day. Miss Marjorie Lake, daughter of the inventor of the type of submarine of which the Seal is the largest ever constructed, named the vessel in the presence of a number of officials of the navy and building companies.

Like her sister ships—the Tuna, under construction at Bridgeport, Conn., and the Turbot, being built here—the Seal is designed for long ocean cruises without convoy of a tender. She measures, over all, 161 feet in length, with an extreme beam of 13 feet. Her displacement when submerged is 325 tons. Six torpedo tubes compose her armament, and her magazines will hold ten torpedoes.

Her cruising radius will be 2,500 knots on the surface. Fourteen knots is her contract speed on the water, and 9½ knots her submerged speed.

DR. TANNER TO FAST 80 DAYS

Eighty-one Years Old—Expects to Live to Be a Hundred.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Los Angeles, Feb. 8.—Dr. Henry S. Tanner, the advocate of prolonged fasting as a cure for disease, to-day celebrated his eighty-first birthday by beginning a fast which he will endeavor not to break for eighty consecutive days.

"I am going to try to show all Americans a way to settle once and for all the Beef Trust and the high cost of living," said Dr. Tanner, to-day. "I am good for an eighty-day fast, and intend to accomplish it. I shall live to be a centenarian, and when I pass the hundred year mark I am going to get married. Sick people think that they must become locomotive drug shops in order to get well again; but fasting is a growing sentiment, and it is all nonsense when a person stops at the end of thirty days."

TOLD HE WAS HONEST

That Was the Reward of a Man Who Returned \$15,000 to Owner.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Boston, Feb. 8.—For twenty-five minutes to-day John J. Quinn, janitor of the Delta Building, in Postoffice Square, was worth \$15,000. With this \$15,000 in his pocket he ate a 20-cent luncheon. Then he walked to the office of a certain brokerage firm in Postoffice Square and asked if they owned the wallet he had picked up in the snow on Water street.

The name of the firm was embossed in gold on the inside flap of the wallet. "Why, yes," said a member of the firm, taking the wallet from Quinn. "I didn't know we had lost it. How did you come by it?" And Quinn told him. "You are an honest man," said the member of the firm, hastily counting the money. "You will prosper."

"Yes," said another member of the firm, "honesty is the best policy, after all. I beseech you not to reveal the name of this firm."

Quinn yielded the point. Then he went back to his job as janitor of the Delta Building, Postoffice Square, a wiser but not a richer man.

EXPRESS TRAINS TO ATLANTIC CITY.

For Lincoln's Birthday, via New Jersey Central, leave Liberty St. 10 A. M. 11 P. M. Sat. only. 3:40 P. M. Sundays, 10 A. M. 2:30 P. M. Leave W. 234 St. ten minutes earlier. Special express leaves Atlantic City for New York, Feb. 13, at 5:30 P. M. Dinner attached.—Adv.

FOOTPAD SEEKS REFUGE IN POLICE STATION

Jamaica Trainman Thrashes Two Men Who Tried to Rob Him of a \$2 Bill.

HUNTERS BECOME HUNTED

Cries of "Stop Thief!" Draw Crowd Which Joins the Chase, but Still One Man Escapes His Pursuers.

To save a \$2 bill Lawrence Lavin, a fireman of the Long Island Railroad, thrashed two footpads so badly that one of them ran into the Jamaica police station to beg for protection. The attempt at robbery occurred within a few doors of Lavin's home, No. 65 Prospect street, shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Lavin, who was on his way to dinner, saw two young men following him. Their appearance was suspicious, but knowing he had nothing with him of great value he did not pay much attention to them. After walking a few blocks more, however, he saw the men were trying to head him off, so he decided to avoid them, and crossed to the opposite side of the street. They crossed also.

Then Lavin remembered that he had a \$2 bill in his pocket, and his ire rose. It was very evident to him they were either following him to "do him up," or else rob him of his \$2, or both. Lavin started on a double trot, but the men, who mistook discretion for cowardice, only felt the more sure of their victim, and broke into a run themselves.

Several blocks were traversed in this fashion, but as Lavin got within a few doors of his home he suddenly turned on them. Before he could do anything they struck him with a blunt instrument, and he fell to the ground in a semi-conscious condition. They were going through his pockets, and had reached the one containing that \$2 bill when Lavin came to.

Wriggling out of their grasp, he jumped to his feet. The fight followed. The footpads stood it as long as they could. When they found Lavin was getting the best of the fight they started on a run. This time Lavin was the pursuer.

His cries of "Stop thief!" attracted a score or more men, who joined in the chase. Lavin shouted to the men that he was not through with them, and it would be a fight to a finish when he caught them. Fully a mile was covered in the chase. In the mean time the men separated. The crowd, headed by Lavin, succeeded in getting within striking distance of one of them, and Lavin administered a blow from time to time.

Much to their surprise, when their fugitive reached the Jamaica station he ran in, rushed past Lieutenant Irwin and into the back room, where he pleaded with Patrick Gibbons, the doorman, to draw his revolver and protect him from a mob that wanted to kill him. Lavin and the crowd were right in behind him, and it was with much difficulty that the police succeeded in keeping the fireman from getting at the would-be thief.

When arraigned before Lieutenant Irwin the man said he was Howard Cornell, nineteen years old, of No. 69 Beaufort street, Jamaica. He was locked up on a charge of assault and attempt at robbery. He seemed much relieved when he found himself separated from Lavin by an iron door.

The police were sent out to look for the other man, but up to a late hour had found no trace of him.

WIRELESS TALKS 5,700 MILES

San Francisco Operator, With One Relay, Converses With Japan.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—The wireless operator at the station in this city held conversation for an hour on Monday night with the operator at Choshi, Shimosa, on the coast of Japan 5,700 miles away. The messages were passed across the Pacific with one relay. It is said that the performance establishes a new record for wireless work in this quarter of the globe. The operator got into communication with two of the Pacific Mail Company's steamers—the Manchuria which was 238 miles away, bound for Hong Kong, and the Korea, which was on her way to this port and about seventy miles nearer. Both vessels took his message to the Japanese station asking for the weather report at Choshi Shimosa, and both received the reply and relayed it. The dots and dashes came distinctly and without interruption.

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PRESIDENT INSISTS ON RECIPROCITY VOTE

Makes No Threats, but Hints at Extra Session of Congress.

PLAIN TALK TO SENATORS

Believes Agreement Can Be Ratified at Present Session—Has No Patience with Arguments for Delay.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, Feb. 8.—The President sent for Senators Carter and Crane to-day and talked to them about his legislative programme with an earnestness which led them to predict that if both the Canadian reciprocity resolution and the Tariff Board bill are not passed at this session, Congress will be called in special session immediately after March 4 to deal with these subjects.

The President himself refrained from making this threat. He does not believe the time has come for making threats. He is still confident that the Senate will pass both measures. He did make it very clear, however, that he understood the situation in the Senate perfectly, and that he has no patience whatever with the assertion that it is an impossibility to pass both measures at this session. He told them that he knew a majority of the Senate favored the reciprocity agreement. He could reach no other conclusion except on the hypothesis that Senators had deceived him, and, of course, he would believe nothing of the kind. He said he appreciated to the full the tactics of Senator Hale, who is holding back the appropriation bills with the hope of so crowding the closing hours of the session that it will be impossible to transact any other business.

The Senators suggested that the Lorimer case and the Borah constitutional amendment were the chief obstacles to the rapid transaction of business, but the President replied that under the rules of the Senate the appropriation bills had the right of way, and if they had been reported these other matters would not have prevented their consideration and passage.

Senate Need Not Wait for House.

The President pointed out that when the Senate was really anxious to pass legislation it did not find it necessary to await action by the House before considering it, and that if Republican Senators were as anxious to pass the reciprocity resolution as they said they were, they could easily give to it all the committee consideration necessary before it passed the House, so that the committee could report the resolution favorably to the Senate the same day it passed the House, or the next day at the latest.

Mr. Taft carefully refrained from making any actual threat, but he spoke with an earnestness and intensity which left no doubt in the minds of his auditors that he would call Congress in special session if it failed to vote on the reciprocity agreement at this session. They are not certain whether he would do so if the reciprocity agreement were passed and the tariff board bill left without action, but they returned to the Senate and urged their colleagues to help them to secure action on both measures at this session.

President Keeps Well Posted.

The President learned to-day of the purpose of the Democratic Senators to hold a conference on the reciprocity agreement on Friday morning. He expects that they will line up solidly, or practically so, for it. He is keeping remarkably well posted on affairs in the Senate, and was able to tell his callers to-day that there was no foundation for their assertion that Senator Bailey would conduct a filibuster against the reciprocity agreement—a statement fully confirmed by the Texasian's own words as given in this dispatch.